

D-772  
Rochester Farm  
Cabin Creek vicinity  
c. 1830-40  
Private

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to her father John Webster for \$6,500 in October 1870. John Webster is designated at this location on the East New Market election district map printed in 1877, however the farm was apparently tenanted. Eighteen years later, at the death of John Webster, he directed that the Dorchester County farm was to go to his son Samuel L. Webster with the rent from the property applied to the support of Sarah R. Collins and Andrew J. Collins as long as she remained living. The will also directed that the net rents from his farm in Queen Anne's County were to be applied to the support of his grandsons, Linwood W. Collins and Zadock Ross Collins during the lifetime of their mother Sarah. Following the death of Sarah R. Collins, the Rochester farm was to pass to Linwood. The property remained in Collins family ownership until the mid twentieth century when it was acquired by Joseph R. and Agnes N. Tubman.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-772

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Rochester Farm  
other Collins Farm

### 2. Location

street and number 6485 Suicide Bridge Road not for publication  
city, town Cabin Creek x vicinity  
county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eleanor T. D'Adamo L/E, Joseph D. & Neil D'Adamo  
street and number 4370 Rhodesdale Road telephone 410-  
city, town East New Market state MD zip code 21631

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 250 folio 58  
city, town Cambridge tax map 12 tax parcel 22 tax ID number 15-010614

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			buildings
			sites
			structures
			objects
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Rochester farm is located at 6485 Suicide Bridge Road in the vicinity of Cabin Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland. Situated on a 311-acre parcel, a two-story, three-bay single-pile early nineteenth century brick house is located at the end of a long farm lane. The house brick dwelling faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Dating to the second quarter of the nineteenth century and most likely around 1830-40, the two-story, three-bay common bond brick dwelling has been modified with the replacement or rearrangement of its fenestration on its northeast elevation. All of the window sash have been replaced. Attached to the southwest (rear) elevation is a single-story shed roofed frame addition.

Access to the property and further details on the description of the house await permission by the non-resident land owner.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The land record research for this farm traces the ownership back to Salisbury Collins, who acquired 223 acres of the Rochester tract in August 1833 following the death of Thomas Bell.<sup>1</sup> The exterior fabric of the brick dwelling, principally the common bond wall patterning with uniform sized brick, comfortably credit Salisbury Collins with its construction between 1833 and his death in 1844.<sup>2</sup> Salisbury Collins left a sizable estate and his "plantation whereon I now dwell lying and being in Dorchester County on Cabin Creek in Cabin Creek Neck" to his son Andrew Jackson Collins. To his wife, Elizabeth, he bequeathed "one curled maple bedstead, bed and furniture, also one mahogany sideboard, all of the silver plate, all of my carpeting and my black horse and Sulkey and two cows." The balance of his estate was split between John M. Collins, Deborah M. Ross, Samuel G. Collins and Andrew Jackson Collins. Andrew Jackson Collins and his wife Sarah, residents of Queen Anne's County, sold the Rochester farm to her father John Webster for \$6,500 in October 1870.<sup>3</sup> John Webster is designed at this location on the East New Market election district map printed in 1877, however the farm was apparently tenanted. Eighteen year later, at the death of John Webster he directed that the Dorchester County farm was to be left to his son Samuel L. Webster

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, ER 13/383, 31 August 1833, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Will Record, THH 1/277, Written 9 September 1844, Proved 29 December 1844.

<sup>3</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 7/687, 19 October 1870, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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with the rent and income from the property applied to the support of Sarah R. Collins and Andrew J. Collins as long as she remained living.<sup>4</sup> The will also directed that the net rents from his farm in Queen Anne's County were to be applied to the support of his grandsons, Linwood W. Collins and Zadock Ross Collins during the lifetime of their mother Sarah. Following the death of Sarah R. Collins, the Rochester farm was to pass to Linwood W. Collins. The farm remained in Collins family ownership until the mid twentieth century when it was acquired by Joseph R. and Agnes N. Tubman.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Dorchester County Will Book, JWF 1/128, Written 3 October 1887, Proved 3 April 1888, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>5</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 43/524, 29 September 1941, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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6485 Suicide Bridge Road  
Cabin Creek vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 12, Parcel 22 311.70 acres

PLC 250/58

Eleanor T. D'Adamo, Personal Representative of Estate of  
Joseph Tubman (d. 1.13.1987)

to

1.6.1988

Eleanor T. D'Adamo

RSM 43/524

Mary E. Collins, widow, City of Baltimore

to

9.29.1941

Joseph R. Tubman and Agnes N. Tubman  
(FJH 7/687 from Andrew J. Collins and wife to John Webster, 10.19.1870)

CL 22/68

Linwood W. Collins, of Baltimore City

to

1.29.1898

Mary E. Collins

\$1,000 326 acres ...subject to two mortgages

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JWF 1/128

Last Will and Testament of John Webster

to grandson

Written  
10.3.1887  
Proved  
4.3.1888

Linwood W. Collins

Item Third: I give and devise unto my dear son Samuel L. Webster all that farm or tract of land situated in Dorchester County called "Rochester" usually known as the Collins farm which I purchased of A. J. Collins and wife; that the said Samuel L. Webster as trustee aforesaid shall take charge of all said lands and premises....he shall apply the net rents of said Collins farm, in this discretion, for the comfortable and proper support of my dear daughter Sarah R. Collins and Andrew J. Collins her husband, so long as she may live....and shall apply the net rents of my said farm in Queen Anne's County in his discretion for the support and benefit of my two grand-sons, Linwood W. Collins and Zadok Ross Collins during the life-time of their mother, my dear daughter Sarah R. Collins—and at the death of my said dear daughter Sarah R. Collins, I give and devise the "Rochester" farm in Dorchester County to my dear grand-son Linwood W. Collins, in fee simple....

FJH 7/687

A. J. Collins & wife, Sarah R. Collins of Queen Anne's County

to

10.19.1870

John Webster

\$6,500 326 acres ...being now in the tenancy and occupation of William Beckwith and which was devised to Andrew J. Collins by his father Salisbury Collins...



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Will Book  
THH 1/277

Last Will and Testament of Salisbury Collins

to, son

Written  
9.9.1844  
Proved  
12.29.1844

Andrew Jackson Collins

Item: I give unto my son Andrew Jackson Collins my plantation whereon I now dwell lying and being in Dorchester County on Cabin Creek and in Cabin Creek Neck

To wife Elizabeth Collins...one curled maple bedstead, bed and furniture, also one mahogany sideboard, all of the silver plate, all of my carpeting and my black horse and Sulkey and two cows

balance of estate divided between heirs

John M. Collins  
Deborah M. Ross  
Samuel G. Collins  
Andrew Jackson Collins

Executors Elizabeth Collins  
Dr. Zadock A. Ross  
Samuel G. Collins

ER 13/383

Henry Page, Trustee

To

8.31.1833

Salisbury Collins

"Rochester" Decree of Court of Chancery, 6.4.1832, empowered to sell real estate of Thomas Bell, late of county deceased

223 acres which said land was devised by Thomas Bell the father

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to said Bell by will competent to convey both real and personal  
estate at the for the sum of \$1583.30.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Dorchester County Wills, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

Graham, John L. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, 1976.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 311 acres

Acreage of historical setting 300 + acres

Quadrangle name Preston, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

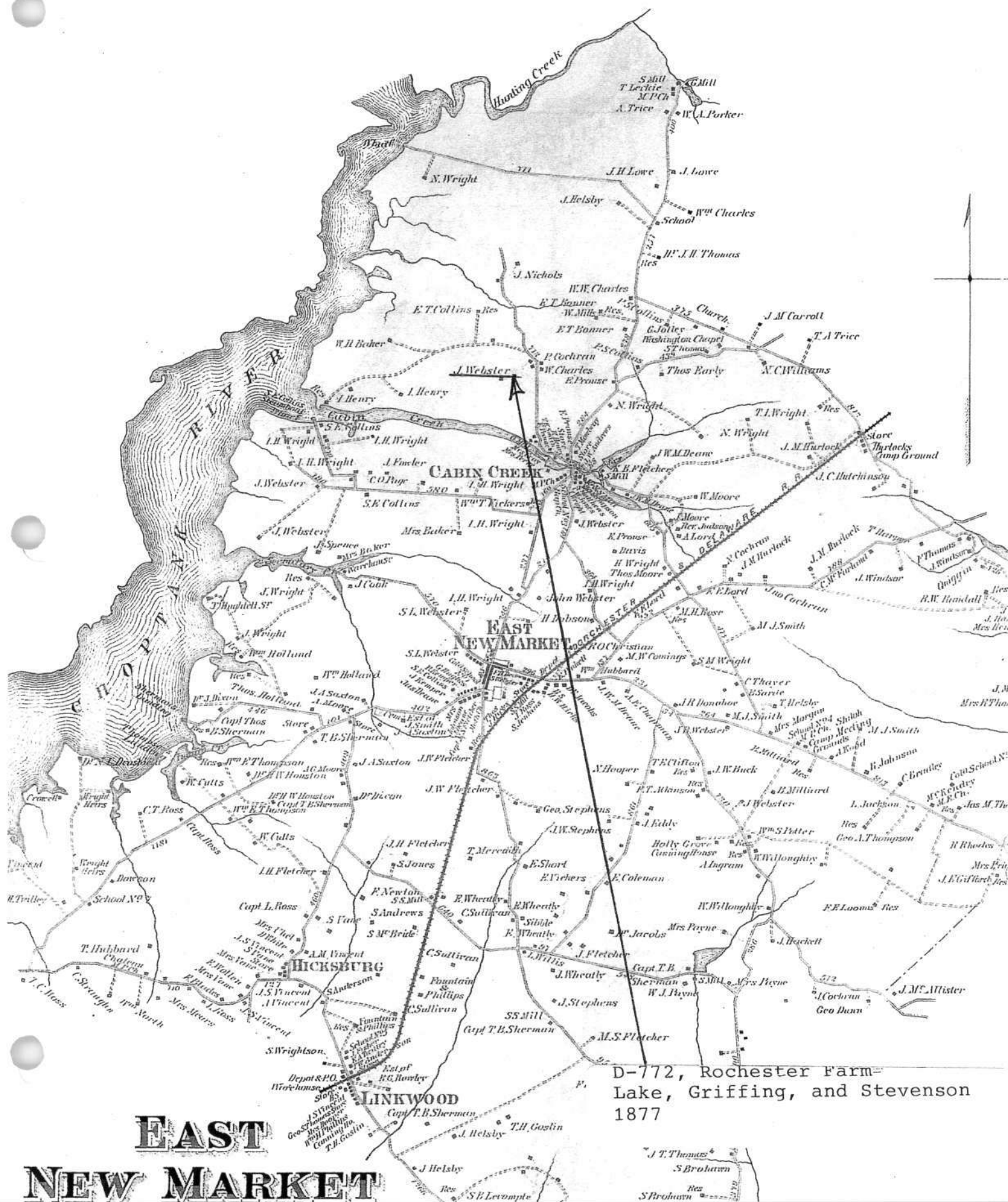
## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	11.6.2008
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

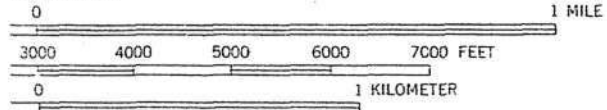
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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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EW MARKET

E 1:24 000



D-772, Rochester Farm  
Preston, MD Quadrangle

GICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON  
423000m.E.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

medium road      Light-c  
Unimproved dirt